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Veterans Administration

Educational Assistance

For the Dependents of:
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Who is Eligible?

The Dependents' Educational Assistance program provides financial aid for the education of:

a. Sons, daughters, spouses, and surviving spouses of veterans who died or are permanently and totally disabled as the result of a service-connected disability arising out of active service in the Armed Forces, or who died from any cause while such disability was in existence.

b. Sons, daughters and spouses of servicepersons missing in action, captured, or forcibly detained or interned in line of duty by a foreign power.

Limitations

Son or Daughter

Generally, to attend school or take job training under the program, a son or daughter must be between 18 and 26 years of age. In certain instances, it is possible to begin before age 18 and to continue after age 26. Marriage is not a bar to this benefit. A young person eligible for training may not enroll while in the Armed Forces. Further, to pursue training after military service he/she must not have received a discharge under dishonorable conditions. The period of eligibility for a son or daughter may be extended by the number of months and days equal to time spent on active duty, but not beyond the 31st birthday. In most cases, an election to receive Dependents' Educational Assistance will terminate entitlement to further payments of compensation or pension if the son or daughter is beyond the age of 18.

Spouses or Surviving Spouses

Educational benefits must be utilized within a period of 10 years from the date eligibility is found or from the death date of spouse from whom eligibility is derived. In certain instances, an extension of this period can be granted if the spouse or surviving spouse was prevented from using some portion of his/her educational benefits because of a physical or mental disability.

Counseling

Each eligible person is entitled to receive professional counseling to assist in deciding upon a suitable educational or vocational goal. Counseling is provided free of charge, but the cost of any travel to reach the place of counseling must be met by the applicant. Application forms contain a space for requesting VA counseling.

Counseling is required and provided for each handicapped child and for certain other eligible children for whom special services may be needed. The VA pays for travel in those cases in which counseling is required.

Training

Eligible persons may receive up to 45 months of education or training. The program must be pointed toward a definite educational or vocational goal.

Sons and daughters may enroll in postsecondary programs approved by the State approving agency. Programs normally include those in colleges, universities, technical institutes, vocational schools, business schools, and facilities providing apprenticeship or other on-the-job training.

Spouses and surviving spouses may enroll in any of the types of programs mentioned above. In addition, approved secondary level programs may be authorized for spouses and surviving spouses who are not high school graduates or who need additional secondary school refresher or deficiency courses to qualify for admission to an appropriate educational institution.

Training in foreign schools can be authorized only for approved programs of education that lead to a standard college degree or equivalent.

An eligible son or daughter who is handicapped by a physical or mental disability which prevents pursuit of an educational program may receive Special Restorative Training. This may involve speech and voice correction, lipreading, braille reading and writing, or anything of this nature that is needed. Specialized vocational training may also be provided. Such assistance may be provided eligible sons and daughters age 14 or older.

Financial Support

VA will pay $376 for every month spent in school or $304 for cooperative training if training full time. Rates for part-time study and on-the-job training are lower. If special help is needed to overcome a subject deficiency in a postsecondary school program, a student may be provided tutorial assistance up to a maximum of $84 per month and not to exceed $1,008 per student.

How to Apply

Son or Daughter

If the son or daughter is under legal age, a parent or guardian must apply. If of age, the son or daughter can act for himself/herself.

The first step is to file an application (VA Form 22-5490) with the nearest VA office. Application forms are available at any VA office.

VA will review the completed application and let the applicant know what further steps are necessary. If the eligible person has requested vocational-educational counseling, a counseling appointment will be arranged.

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For Further Information

These are just the highlights of the Educational Assistance program. For further information, or for answers to your specific questions, write or call your nearest VA office. A list is on the back of this pamphlet.

Education Assistance In a Nutshell

Who's Eligible?

Dependents of deceased veterans or of veterans who are permanently and totally disabled from service, and dependents of servicepersons missing in action or forcibly detained.

How Much Schooling?

Up to 45 months.

How Much of an Allowance?

Up to $376 a month.

How to Apply?

Visit or write your nearest VA office for application form.

Where To Go or Write

Further information concerning benefits administered by the Veterans Administration may be obtained by visiting your nearest VA office or by writing the VA regional office serving your State or area. VA regional offices are located in the following cities:

ALABAMA
Montgomery 36104
ALASKA
Anchorage 99501
ARIZONA
Phoenix 85012
ARKANSAS
Little Rock 72201
CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles 90024
San Diego 92108
San Francisco 94105
COLORADO
Denver 80225
CONNECTICUT
Hartford 06103
DELAWARE
Wilmington 19805
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Washington 20421
FLORIDA
St. Petersburg 33731
GEORGIA
Atlanta 30365
HAWAII
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IDAHO
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ILLINOIS
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Indianapolis 46204
IOWA
Des Moines 50309
KANSAS
Wichita 67218
KENTUCKY
Louisville 40202
LOUISIANA
New Orleans 70113
MAINE
Togus 04330
MARYLAND
Baltimore 21201
MASSACHUSETTS
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MICHIGAN
Detroit 48226
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MISSISSIPPI
Jackson 39269
MISSOURI
St. Louis 63103
MONTANA
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NEBRASKA
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Reno 89520
NEW HAMPSHIRE
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OREGON
Portland 97204
PENNSYLVANIA
Philadelphia 19101
Pittsburgh 15222
PHILIPPINES
Manila 96528
PUERTO RICO (AND VIRGIN IS.)
Hato Rey 00918
RHODE ISLAND
Providence 02903
SOUTH CAROLINA
Columbia 29201
SOUTH DAKOTA
Sioux Falls 57101
TENNESSEE
Nashville 37203
TEXAS
Houston 77054
Waco 76710
UTAH
Salt Lake City 84138
VERMONT
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